



Please Register To Attend

Please join [CIVITAS](#) and [Carnegie Hill Neighbors](#) for a working meeting to help you reduce your heating fuel conversion costs ahead of the City of New York's upcoming Clean Heat regulations. Please help us spread the word.

When: Tuesday, March 6 at 6 PM

Where: St. Thomas More Church, 65 East 89th Street (Between Park and Madison Avenues)

Who should attend: Your resident manager, managing agent and any members of your co-op board who would like to attend.

Please RSVP to [CIVITAS](#) by responding to this email.

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Agenda:

Ken Camilleri of [ICF](#), special consultant to New York City's [Clean Heat Program](#), engineering consultant Ralph Germain, and Joe McGowan, manager at Con Edison, will lead a discussion detailing the process required by Con Edison to deliver natural gas to your building.

We want to make it easier for buildings located in proximity to one another to work together and form clusters that would enable Con Edison to design a connecting pipe system that could serve as many buildings as possible and minimize their infrastructure construction cost. If enough buildings join a cluster, gas could be delivered to your building at little to no infrastructure cost. In addition to the 30% fuel savings you will achieve by converting, moving to natural gas could be a net gain for your building.

Looking for more information? Please read to the bottom of this letter.

We look forward to seeing you on March 6.

CIVITAS' environmental outreach program is made possible through a grant from NYC Councilmember Daniel R. Garodnick.

Do you live in a "dirty building" that burns #4 or #6 oil?

You can find out by visiting the Environmental Defense Fund website: www.dirtybuildings.org

Background

As you may already know, the City of New York has issued a moratorium on #6 fuel oil starting in 2015. As a result, the City has adopted the Clean Heat Program to assist buildings in converting to natural gas and/or #2 oil. Boiler permits will no longer be renewed for #6 oil.

Converting to Gas:

The good news is that buildings can save money when switching to natural gas. Natural gas is 30% cheaper compared to oil and is widely available as a domestic source of energy. However, Con Edison will first need to bring a gas line to your building. While this can be a prohibitively expensive project for a single building, the price drops significantly if neighboring buildings form a cluster and all convert to natural gas at the same time. Con Edison can even bring the gas line at no cost if the cluster commits to firm gas, which means they burn only gas, no oil.

Converting to Oil:

Buildings can also convert to cleaner burning #4 or #2 oil. Though both are more expensive than #6 oil, there are significant cost benefits in terms of maintenance and repairs when switching to #2. In addition buildings switching directly to #2 oil will be in full compliance with the upcoming #4 oil moratorium and will only need to switch once.



[Soot pollution rising from an Upper East Side building.](#)

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